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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1189

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Bullying prevention task force.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Tyler

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the school bullying prevention task force for students with disabilities to: (1) study the causes and effects of bullying in schools; (2) identify practices that reduce incidences of bullying; (3) highlight training and technical assistance opportunities for schools to effectively address bullying; and (4) evaluate the effectiveness of schools' current anti-bullying policies and other anti-bullying programs for students with disabilities. (The introduced version of this bill was produced by the Indiana Commission on Autism.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill creates a school bullying prevention task force to study the topics outlined above.

The task force would consist of 11 members:

- (1) one member from the Department of Education (DOE) appointed by the Governor;
- (2) a certified teacher appointed by the Governor;
- (3) the Governor or Governor's designee;
- (4) the executive director of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents or the executive director's designee;
- (5) the executive director of the Indiana Association of School Principals or the executive director's designee;
- (6) a parent of a student in kindergarten to Grade 6 who is attending a public, charter, or accredited nonpublic school, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (7) a parent of the student in Grade 7 to 12 who is attending a public, charter, or accredited

nonpublic school, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(8) two members of the House of Representatives, one from each party, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(9) two members from the Senate, one from each party, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Each member of the task force would be appointed for two years. The task force shall elect by majority vote one member to serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson. The task force shall meet at least quarterly.

Task force members who are members of the General Assembly would be entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances that are paid to members serving on an interim study committee. Other members of the task force would be entitled to be reimbursed for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties.

The bill directs the task force to submit a status report on its progress to the Governor and the Legislative Council by December 1, 2012. A final report stating the findings, conclusions and recommendations would be submitted by June 30, 2013.

Under the bill, the Department of Education would provide support staff for the task force. This requirement may represent an additional workload or expenditure on the department outside of its routine administrative functions, and existing staffing and resource levels, if currently being used to capacity, may be insufficient for full implementation. The additional funds and resources required could be supplied through existing staff and resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill would depend on legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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